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In Memoriam

It is with deep sorrow that the editors and staff of **Highpoint** note the passing of Mark Tedesco of the junior class. Having transferred to Bishop Ford only last September, Mark was with us a very short time. But he was here long enough to make many new friends, and he will be sorely missed. It is in the true spirit of community that we dedicate this, our Christmas issue of 1978, to Mark's memory.

B.F.C. Gets Musical Group

by Jim Shovak

Mr. Haddad, a freshman teacher here at Bishop Ford, with the help of Mr. Mushalla of the Music Department, has formed a school band.

The band has two lead singers: sophomore Renee Yannaco (the only female in the group) and senior Anthony Giobbi. The band's bass player, Robert Zito, is also a senior, as are guitarists Paul McKenzie and Joe Pastore. The drummer is sophomore Mike DeLugo, the pianist Jim Shovak, and Mr. Haddad himself helps out with various other instruments which are needed for the success of the new group.

The band hopes to play at some of Ford's student council conventions, as well as at certain functions at other schools. Later on, if they can accumulate enough financial backing, they hope to cut a record.

Pagoda Changes Format

by Sharon Healy and Mary Ann Svec

Have you ordered your yearbook yet? Well, if you haven't, there's still time. The theme for the **Pagoda** this year is "change," which is appropriate because the yearbook itself will have changed.

One of the biggest changes is that homeroom pictures of all students will appear in the yearbook. Another change is that anyone may purchase a yearbook, not just seniors. Even though any student may purchase a copy, the major focus of the publication will still be on seniors. Finally, a very special change this year is that a 16-page color section will have been added.

The editor, Patrick Parisi, and the rest of the **Pagoda** staff, is working extremely hard to make this yearbook a big success for all students, with the accent on seniors. The moderator, Mr. Campanaro, said, "It should be the best yearbook ever because it will be colorful, exciting and unique." Julia Piotrowski, photo editor, says, "This yearbook will be more enjoyable because of the variety of photographs and the many new ideas for each layout. The members of **Pagoda** have worked very hard so far to make the first deadline."

Ecology Club Active

by John Caminiti

One of the more fascinating activities in the school is the ecology section of the science club.

Last year the club came in third place for environmental work in New York State in a contest sponsored by the National Federation of Women's Clubs and Sears Roebuck. The prize was $100.00. The prize money was used to buy a 55 gallon salt water fish tank and all of the supplies needed to operate it. This Fall the club went to Jamaica Bay and other local beaches to collect marine organisms for the tank which is located in the prep. room of the biology lab. The tank is filled with shrimps, crabs, eels, snails, flounder, and other fish. It looks absolutely great, thanks to those who take care of it: Carolyn Leaver of 207, Michael Ryan of 307, Luis B. Gonzalez of 304, and John Caminiti of 401.

The Senior co-ordinator of the club, John Caminiti, says, "The kids are great to work with and our moderator, Mrs. Denise Skalecky, works very hard to keep us as active as possible."

The club has many activities planned for the winter and spring such as trips to the Bronx Zoo, Hayden Planetarium, the American Museum of Natural History and other interesting places.

If you are interested in the environment around you, just come to the club's meetings on Tuesday afternoons at dismissal in room 174. All are welcome.

Speech Club Organized

by Ingrid Mihailovich

Do you get nervous and tongue-tied talking in front of people? If you do, there's a way you can solve your problem.

Ford now has a Speech Club moderated by Mr. Talignani. Here students get a chance to practice speaking before a group of people so that, when they do speak in public, they feel much more at ease.

Also, if you just want to talk about interesting topics, this is the club for you. By attending the Speech Club meetings, you will have an opportunity to improve your public speaking and you will greatly benefit from the interesting topics that are discussed.

The Speech Club meets every Monday in room 276 for about an hour.

The club also provides social benefits. You will get a chance to meet new friends with whom you can share your opinions and just have a good time.

Ford Falcons Taped For T.V.

by Bob Siebold

If you were to look up into the bleachers in our gym you might see a few people around a video camera filming a basketball game; this would be the athletic video squad.

The video squad has been around for about four years filming all the home scrimmage games and all the varsity basketball games which are played here at Ford.

The squad, which was started by Mr. Nash, is lead this year by Bob Siebold and Julia Piotrowski. They will video tape all the varsity basketball games and other athletic events which might take place.

To be part of the squad you must have some previous experience working with a video camera, and must be trained by one of the squad members.

At the end of the year, members will receive a varsity award for their service to the athletic department.

The squad is presently composed of Amy Mattison, Sharon Healy, Roger McIlvaine, Janice Medina, Matt Long and Diana Fonti.

Honor Societies Induct Forty

by Hope Parisi

In the spring of 1977, the National Honor Society and the National Business Honor Society granted charters to Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School. New members were inducted on October 15, 1978 in the school auditorium.

These prestigious organizations were founded to recognize and encourage scholarship and, also, to acknowledge and foster student character, service and leadership. The National Business Society encourages interest in business, also. The goal of the Ford chapters is to unite their members in active groups working to enhance the spirit and development of the Ford community.

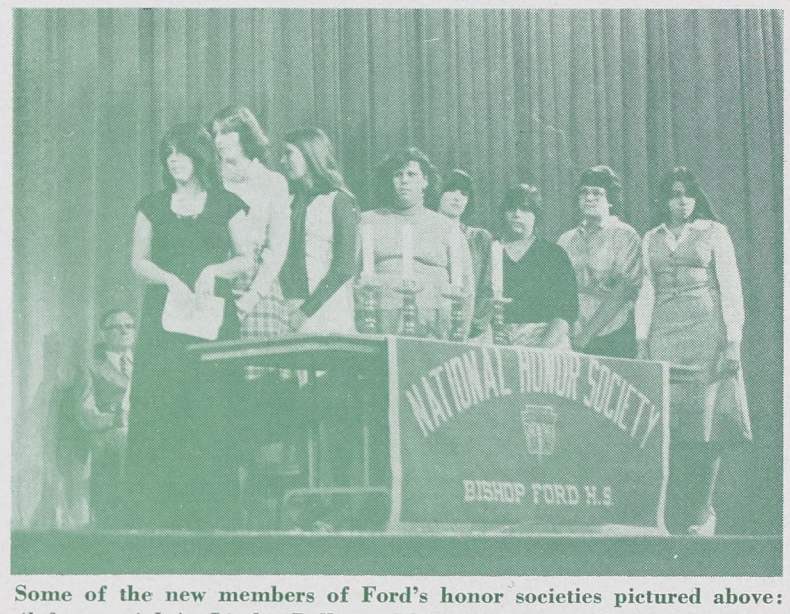
The induction ceremony outlined these principles. Brother Francis Stelte, past moderator of the Ford National Honor Society, delivered the keynote address. In his speech, he stressed the importance of grasping and retaining knowledge; he asserted that the numerical grade is only secondary to this. An explanation of membership was given by National Honor Society candidates. Students spoke of the value of leadership, character, service and scholarship and how they might be applied to benefit humanity. All candidates pledged loyalty to their school and promised to be faithful members of their chapters.

Last spring, membership in the N.H.S. was open to any sophomore or junior having an average of at least 85% who was involved in at least two extra-curricular and/or community activities and who had not earned more than five demerits. Students submitted a written profile and a faculty committee reviewed each.

Out of 129 applicants, 30 were accepted into the N.H.S. They are: Barbara Blazewicz, Jose Cabrera, John Caminiti, Rose Cassara, Anthony Davis, Antonio DeSalvo, Patrick Dugan, Joseph Esposito, John Ferro, Salvatore Giardina, Anthony Giobbi, Herbert Korn, Thomas Ligotti, Anthony Liguori, Vincent Losinno, William MacKay, Leo Major, Priscilliana Merrero, Joseph Mattera, Nancy Moley, Gregory Nigro, Glen Olsen, Hope Parisi, Vincent Passione, Steven Petruccio, Christopher Potter, Jacqueline Rauert, Susan Sauer, Patrick Parisi and Victor Vientos.

The new members of the National Business Honor Society are as follows: Martha Bogdanski, Theresa Brown, Theresa Coulter, Donna Marie Dellarosa, Abraham Agosta, Maryann Herbert, Andrea Palmer, Jacqueline Rauert, Josephine Sorgenti and Linda Bellere.

The National Honor Society, moderated by Brother Philip Meyer, sponsored a collection at the recent Thanksgiving mass. The National Business Honor Society, moderated by Mr. Gerald Kiernan, took charge of the Thanksgiving food drive. These projects were undertaken to benefit the needy of Brownsville. The N.H.S. also sponsors the tutoring program here at Ford. Both societies are planning future charitable endeavors.



Some of the new members of Ford's honor societies pictured above: (left to right) Linda Bellere, Theresa Brown, Theresa Coulter, Donna Marie Dellarosa, Mary Ann Herbert, Andrea Palmer, Jacqueline Ravert, Josephine Sorgenti.

Brother Myles Receives Award

by Herb Korn

Brother Myles Davis was presented the 1978 Mayor's Volunteer Service Award this past October at Gracie Mansion at a ceremony attended by Mayor Koch and other city officials. The award was given in recognition of his "excellent supervision of volunteers" in emergency medical training.

BRAVO, the organization to which Brother Myles belongs, was designated an appropriate recipient of these awards after being nominated along with a large number of other organizations of various types that engage in volunteer work. BRAVO has been giving the residents of Dyker Heights and Bay Ridge free emergency medical services, and Brother Myles has been president of the organization for 3½ years.

Heaven Can Wait

by Sal Giglio

I know it's a little late, but since "Heaven Can Wait" was one of this year's better films, perhaps we should review it now.

"Heaven Can Wait" was directed and co-written by Warren Beatty, who also stars in the film. It's based on a 1940's film, but it's changed slightly. Beatty portrays Joe Pendleton, a quarter-back trying to get into shape for the Super Bowl. It seems while bicycling he gets into an accident, but before the accident even occurs he is plucked into heaven by his guardian angel (Buck Henry). Buck, however, has made a mistake; Pendleton's time isn't up and they'll have to return him to earth in a new body. They pick the body of a millionaire who, unfortunately, is trying to get killed by his wife! Joe returns at last to Super Bowl form and becomes the star of the game while winning the heart of Julie Christie.

Beatty is, admittedly, no comic, but his devil-may-care expressions make the movie. Julie Christie is amazing in her enemy-turned-girlfriend role. But the big hand has to go to Dyan Cannon. She proves that all blonds aren't dumb and they don't all necessarily have more fun.

"Heaven Can Wait" isn't on my top ten list, but it was one of the best movies of the year. That really isn't saying much, considering some of the movies this year has produced such as "Grease," "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" and "Jaws II." It is worth the price of admission, though, and if you haven't seen it, you should.

Arriverderci Cracow

For the first time in 455 years, the Catholic Church has a non-Italian pope: Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, Archbishop of Cracow, Poland, now Pope John Paul II. The last non-Italian pope was Adrian IV, a Dutchman elected during the Middle Ages. Romans gathered in St. Peter's square and booed the newly elected pontiff at that time. Fortunately, times have changed.

Pope John Paul II has been welcomed throughout Rome and the rest of the world, and rightly so. Catholicism is not confined to a select nationality and the selection of the pope should not suggest otherwise. There are too many other factors to consider, too many important factors.

The cardinals of the world must elect to the papacy someone strong in the beliefs of Christian doctrine and morality, excluding nationality from consideration. We must be assured that these men have based their choice on the well-being of all those they represent throughout the world. The church must not cater to tradition before it provides for the community it serves.

It is not sufficient to reflect upon the latest 500 years of the papacy. Rather, one must look back 2000 years and discover the model for all future popes. He was a humble Jew from Nazareth.

In search for a successor to ascend the chair of Peter, the cardinals of the world recognized Cardinal Wojtyla as a man who knew the problems of the working class first-hand. They saw in him a man who stood fearless in support of his beliefs in the face of Communism. He is a respected leader in the eyes of all the world, not simply in his native Poland.

While it is to be hoped that a Polish accent will not prove to be the only difference between the present pope and the bishops of Rome who went before him, let us pray that, as his name suggests, John Paul II will combine what was best in his immediate predecessors and lead the church to new vitality.

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Letters to The Editor

This letter is a reaction to an article written in the September-October issue of **Highpoint.** It was entitled "Question of Class" by Jim Shovak.

This article was written without any research; the article stated that the senior girls only received a change in the dress code because they are seniors. If a little effort had been put into researching the topic, Mr. Shovak would have learned that when we were subjected to the full uniform, we wore it! Also, the senior girls wore the full uniform for three years (one year at Ford and two years at our previous schools). And when we asked for a change in the dress code, we asked in a polite and organized manner; this did show a sense of maturity and responsibility. After examining these and other facts, the administration saw that the seniors could handle a change without abusing it.

Frankly, I think this article was an insult to the senior class because the seniors are special to Ford: we love it. We all want to change it. But you do not change things with articles such as this. Articles like this one only help to turn the administration and the seniors against any change in the dress code.

Theresa Brown, 402

Inquiring Reporter

by Anthony Mirro

The following are the responses of six Ford students (chosen randomly) to the question, "Should marijuana be legalized?"

Diane Brandemarte, 102: "No, because it's hazardous to our health and abused by young people today."

Robert Marese, 207: "Yes, marijuana should be legalized if its use has no harmful aftereffects."

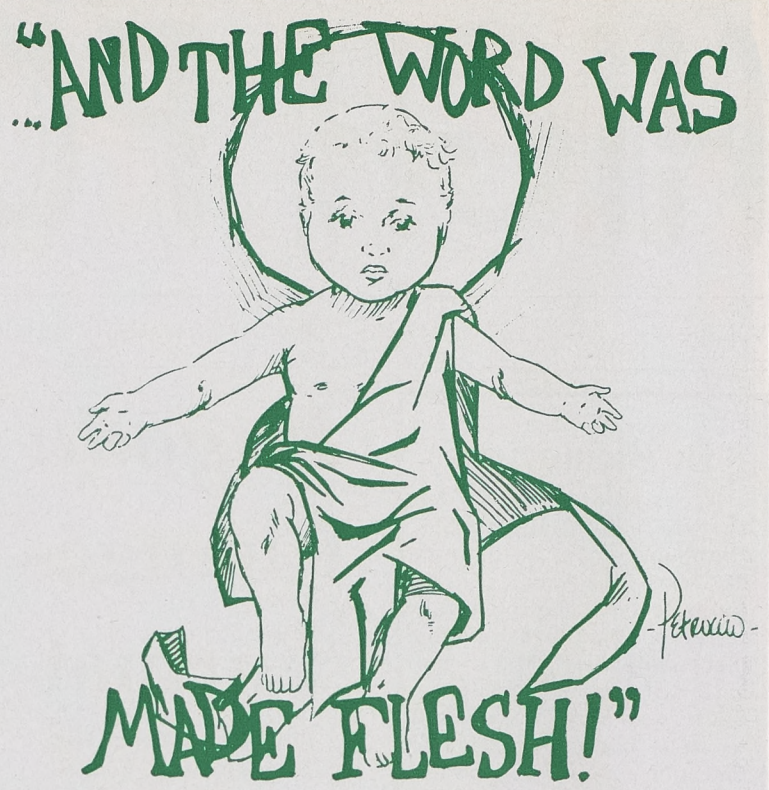
Gladis Fernandez, 205: "Yes, it should be legalized because, whether you legalize marijuana or not, people are still going to smoke it."

Howard Zuntaro, 209: "No, because it would create problems; new laws would come into effect, and there would be arguments for and against the laws."

John Settimo, 201: "No, because if you really get addicted to it, it will bring you up to harder stuff like cocaine or L.S.D."

Ralph Aiello, 201: "It should not be legalized for people who can't handle it, but for people who can handle it, let them do what they want with their lives."

John Cuccurullo, 403: "Yes, but it should be used only in the privacy of one's home, and the user should be above the age of 18. It decreases organized crime; it should be regulated by rules similar to our liquor rules."



When Push Comes To Shove

On Saturday, December 16, the Bishop Ford Theatre was scheduled to present the disco trio **Musique.** Unlike some previous shows booked by the theatre, this one would have been suited to the musical tastes of many Ford students.

Musique, which is composed of three female vocalists and a backup band, seemed like the perfect choice. They are presently one of the most popular groups to hit the disco scene. Their pulsating music, with its sharp beats and sensual sound, makes for almost perfect free-style dancing. Their current hit song, "In the Bush," has become somewhat of a nation-wide phenomenon. It is not uncommon to see crowds literally jump out of their seats and onto the dance floor when this song is played in New York discos. The song, with its chanting female vocals and "push-push" beat, enhances the normal dance-floor interaction of males and females. Dancers seem to achieve a natural high from the song, which can easily be observed by watching their gyrating hips and continuous body motions during the playing of the record.

Tickets for the show went on sale in mid-November. Signs and posters were posted in the cafeteria and in the main lobby of the school announcing the event. Soon after tickets went on sale for the show, it was announced over the P.A. system to the entire student body that the **Musique** show would be cancelled and that the **Tramps** would appear at Ford in place of them. Students were invited, **as individuals,** to approach any member of the administration or faculty for a detailed explanation for the cancellation. To some this may have been something of a disappointment, but, on the whole, the **Tramps** are certainly a formidable rival to **Musique** in the judgment of most disco fans.

The reason for the cancellation seems obvious. The administration and a number of faculty members questioned the morality of the lyrics of **Musique's** top song, "In the Bush."

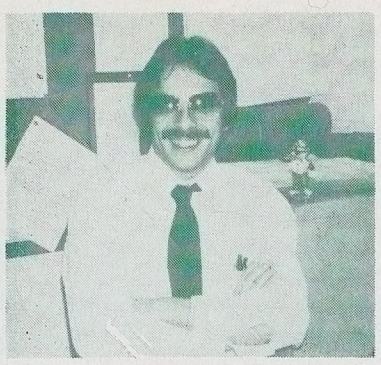
It is no secret that the song in question does have sexual overtones, but this is not to say that the people who enjoy dancing to it do so primarily because of those lyrics. The primary function of disco music is to provide a beat and sound to which preferably large groups of people may dance. Few pay careful attention to the generally scanty lyrics. Certainly, those who booked **Musique** hadn't given much attention to the lyrics when they originally made arrangements for the concert.

We, the editors of **Highpoint,** hope that those who cancelled the **Musique** concert realize how unimportant lyrics generally are to the devoted disco dancer. Certainly the cancellation was made with every good intention. And, if **Musique** had to go, replacing them with the **Tramps** was fair enough. But inviting students to approach administrators or faculty members on an individual basis for a more comprehensive explanation for the cancellation does sound a little like "divide and conquer." After all, if those who cancelled the **Musique** concert were completely secure in their reasons for doing so (and completely comfortable with any conceivable reaction by Ford's disco fans as a group), wouldn't it have been simpler to make any explanations over the P.A. system to the entire student body?

News Retrospective

by Maria Sallustio

December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Clancy - Makem Concert
December 16: **Tramps** Concert
December 18: Blessing and Lighting of Christmas Tree
Basketball Game at 3:30 p.m. against Tottenville
December 26: Christmas Basketball Tournament
(through Dec. 28).



Mr. Frank Fusco

Faculty Focus: Frank Fusco

by Anthony Raiola

Twenty-seven-year-old Mr. Frank Fusco attended high school in Massachusetts and college in New York State. He has been involved in many religion-oriented programs in the past nine years such as SEARCH, TEC (Teenage Encounters with Christ), ANTIOCH, and his own PIC. Mr. Fusco developed the concept of PIC (Personal Involvement with Christ) during the summer of 1976 while spending a weekend with some very close friends. When asked why he'd decided to form such an activity here at Ford, among the many reasons he offered, one stood out: "To enable young people to know that they have a friend who knows them, loves and cares for them; that friend is Jesus."

Mr. Fusco has been teaching Religion to Ford students for nearly six years and he has been doing a great job at it. He says, "I feel teaching here makes me young and makes me feel good with young kids."

He believes that the various clubs, sports and other extra-curricular activities offered here at Ford are very important and help make our students happier. But he also believes that there should be a special center for students to go to who have problems at school or at home, such as communication problems with parents and with teachers.

Mr. Fusco's real "baby" is PIC, and week-end sessions are held during which young people are given the opportunity to express their ideas and to experience community. Mr. Fusco summed it all up by suggesting that the PIC weekends are composed of people living together, thinking together, praying together and sharing new ideas and concepts.

Adventures of Rone: A Play

by Robert Campolo

(Rone is a high school student who could represent any one of us. The setting is the B.F.C.C.H.S. cafeteria. One of Rone's friends has a problem. He looks for advice from Rone. He has just come to the right person.)

Tom—Gees, I've just about taken enough food up the horse's turnpike. I can't take these damn courses the administration has forced me to take. And if I don't take them, they think I don't want my diploma in June. But they loaded me with riduculous courses they say will come in handy later on in life. I mean, who takes Film Aesthetics, Puerto Rican Studies and Rodent Hairdoo Styles all in the same semester? I'm lost Rone. What's your advice? How do I get out of this predicament?

Rone—You must have a problem. Your tone of voice has just warped my Brownsville fried bananas. If that wasn't it, it could be your breath. Take some clorox and Kool-Aid and I'll see you next year in Jerusalem.

Tom—Hey, that's not funny! Just give me a guideline and I'll try to stick to it.

Rone—Alright, this is it. You have to slither (not walk) up to the administrative offices. You then get up on your feet and dive across the desk, attacking the drawer that holds a fifth of holy water. Briskly pour it into your ear and sweat it out through your underarms. Sounds good, huh? Anyway, after you've made it through the fifth, lick the residue from the bottom of the bottle and write an analytical geometric equation under its label. After you've gotten the administrators slightly baffled with your fillipancy, ask them if they know any Afro-Jewish seagulls who hang out and drink Coors in Boro Park. Then let them find their own pastrami from now on. Tell them about the time you looked out a courthouse bathroom in Downtown Brooklyn and saw a beetle on the window sill which reminded you of Franz Kafka and one of Nixon's cabinet members who is now formally residing at Riker's Island. Tell her about the rats or the West Side and the bed bugs Uptown. Comb your hair against the floor and try to impress them the next day by getting a D.A. (district attorney, of course). Offer them an invitation to Greenwich Village's "Feelers," the night club in town that serves the best grasshoppers—quite exotic. Then tell them about the time you were picking your feet in Poughkeepsie and Popeye Doyle busted you for smoking raw tana leaf and snorting casscadu fish dust. After an exciting weekend of following snails through all of the BMT subway tunnels, and having shown them your collection of decomposed yaks fresh from Prospect Park Zoo and your 1964 Kent State rebellion toupee, ask them politely to change your courses. As a fail-safe, praying and begging on hand and knee couldn't hurt. There. Now, wasn't that simple?

Tom—Gee, what a mind. Why, I bet you could even beat my father's mother-in-law at a game of baccart. You're a genius.

Rone—It pays to be wise. After all, I haven't survived all these years on welfare alone y'know. Now leave me. I must finish my Hellgate trout before the bell ends my lunch period. Oh . . . and good luck.

(Rone gives a short smile and flicks his finger, rubbing it off his huge forehead. Tom walks away content. Rone sits back and enjoys his temporary psychological happiness. He spits a piece of the Hellgate trout across the lunch room in triumphant exclamation. The saliva-covered bone sticks onto a freshman's forehead as he is eating a school lunch. A teacher spots this and quickly walks over to Rone.)

Teacher—Sonny boy, may I have your I.D. card, please? I want to add it to my collection at home.

(Rone sits back in his wooden Board-of-Ed. chair, nervous that his identity has been mistaken. Rone is in trouble.)

Find out next time how Rone gets himself out of this one. Tune in next issue at this same bat channel for: "I Left My Card in San Francisco," or "I Was a Teenage Clone."

Smith Goes to Albany

by Edward Smith

Now that the people of the Empire State have sent Hugh Leo Carey back to the governor's mansion in Albany, here is what to expect of him during the next 4 years. If he fails to live up to the promises he made during his campaign for re-election, you can use this article to remind him of the promises he made. I think I'd better stop this useless chatter and tell you what Carey will do for New York's teenagers.

On the issue of marijuana, the governor has done all he can do. He signed into law a bill that legalized the possession of small amounts of the drug. All other decriminalization of marijuana is up to the Federal Government. By using his influence in Congress, Governor Carey got more temporary relief for New York State's unemployed people. He also made the state more attractive to businesses, so you'll have a better chance of getting a job this year or this summer. In order to get teens involved in his campaign, Carey sent his representatives into high schools and colleges throughout the state to try to persuade the students in them to work for him in his campaign. I feel sure that he'd repeat this maneuver if he ever ran for office again. After all, teenagers are said to be the best political campaigners; their enthusiasm is overwhelming. As the Right to Life Party candidates pointed out so vigorously, Carey signed a bill that allowed teenage girls to have medicaid abortions without their parent's knowledge or consent. If you're interested in finding out Mr. Carey's position on Tuition Tax Credits, I'm afraid I couldn't get that one. Oh well, as they say in Italy: **"Che sera, sera."**

So now you know what promises Hugh L. Carey made during his bid for re-election. Let's hope he lives up to them.

Campaign Dust: Leo Zeferetti, the reelected congressman from the 15th Congressional District would, as he did before, sponsor another Tuition Tax Credit bill if it were to be passed by the Senate and introduced in the House of Representatives. The new assemblyman (or rather assemblywoman) is in favor of Tuition Tax Credits, so expect some action on the idea from the Assembly floor. And if any one of you are expecting Zeferetti to vote to decriminalize marijuana, forget about it. He told me himself that he's against the use of marijuana. Well, you'll see (or rather, read me) in the next issue of **Highpoint.** 'Til then, get politicking.

Christmas Cruising

by Brian Picardi

Care to get into the spirit of things this Yuletide Season? Can you think of anything **special** to do this year? Here are a few helpful hints straight from Santa's workshop!

I'm sure that you are all familiar with Christmas caroling to some degree. Why not get some friends together, (both genders), go out and exercise those vocal chords! Sing! Don't worry if you are bad, everyone else can help to drown you out.

Here's one few people do. It's called Christmas cruising. If you can get a car, gather up some friends and just drive around and take in all those displays, lights, and even some folks dressed up in Yuletide fashion.

Of course, absolutely nothing beats the age-old Yuletide tradition of having good friends over for some eggnog, song, good spirits and a fireplace with a crackling fire!

If you don't have a crackling fire, turn on channel eleven Christmas Eve, and watch the Yulelog burn brightly, accompanied by marvelous Christmas music!

Denise Miller a Star

by Pascale Bastien

Last year a young television star named Denise Miller joined the student population of Bishop Ford Central. Her latest movie, "Sooner or Later," will be aired on NBC TV next month.

In "Sooner or Later" sophomore Denise Miller plays a 13-year-old who looks much older when she wears make-up. She falls in love with a 17-year-old rock singer (played by Rex Smith) who wouldn't have dated her had he known her true age. Jessie (the character Denise plays in the film) isn't prepared for a physical relationship.

At first everything seems quite simple, but it gets complicated when she has to explain her actions to everyone.

Denise has wanted to be an actress ever since she was a little girl. She started modeling at the age of eleven to pay for her drama lessons. Her big chance came when she won a part in "Barney Miller" as a street-wise kid with a soft heart who puts up a tough front. She played the same part in a spin-off series called "Fish."

Denise Miller

While Denise was required to take voice and diction lessons to eradicate her Brooklyn accent during her training, the part in "Fish" called for a broad Brooklyn accent, and so she had to learn it all over again.

All That Jazz

by Thomas Gambale

Queen's new album, "Jazz," is unlike any other album that they have made in the past. The music is very good, but in many ways different from that of their other albums. Sales of this album will never exceed those of "A Night At The Opera" or "News Of The World." Much of the music is closer in style to that of hard rock, especially in the case of the songs by Roger Taylor.

Queen seems to be trying to change their image. For some reason, people are now saying that their music is becoming like that of most other rock groups. Formerly in a category by themselves, people are now trying to classify them with groups like **Led Zepplin.**

If you have already bought the album, you will see that some of the ideas on it center around bicycles. They are mentioned in several songs, as well as being the motif for the album cover and record label. Much speculation has occurred since the release of "Bicycle Race" as a single. Is "Bicycle Race" really a dumb song? Or is it only dumb out of the context of the album?

Out of the four songs that Brian May wrote, Freddie Mercury sings three of them. It used to be that whoever wrote something, sang it, with the exception of John Deacon. Many people ask why John Deacon doesn't sing when everyone else in the group does. Some people say, "He is just totally tone deaf," or, "He is just a writer and not a singer," or even, "He is just there to play the bass." But, in any case, I think that he is an essential part of the group.

The two numbers by Roger Taylor, "Fun It" and "More of That Jazz," are extremely heavy on drums and percussion. He plays a very big part in the success of the album. In closing, I think that the album is destined to be another **Queen** classic.

As for their concerts, they are **exciting;** you get much more than you pay for, as I found out on November 19 at the Nassau Coliseum. **Queen** does a full two-and-a-half-hour show. Their lighting and mist theatrics are exceptional. And all the rumors you have heard about their use of recorded music are not true; it is **all live,** unlike that of many other groups of today. **Queen** is getting better all the time!

And as usual, nobody played a synthesizer!

Sport Light: Donald LaSala

Donald LaSala

by Joseph Kazmierczuk

One of the least publicized teams at Ford is the swimming team, and probably the least publicized event at swimming meets is diving. This has been the case in years gone by for many reasons. But the only varsity diver of this year's team is trying to change the diver's image as it exists at Ford; he is Donald LaSala of 405.

As far as many teams go, it is easy to find a place to work out because the facilities are here on our school property. But it isn't that way for the swimmers and divers at Ford. Donald has been diving for Ford for four years. During his first two years he worked out with the other team members at the YMCA. Here life and limb were risked by Donald and his teammates in the water. During his junior year, Donald was fortunate enough to be able to practice at Brooklyn College. Luckier still this year, Donald is now practicing at the St. Francis College pool. St. Francis has great facilities for Donald to use toward perfecting his natural talents.

At the college's fine 25-yard, six-lane pool, Donald works on the one-meter board, the trampoline and the three-meter board. Donald prefers the higher of the two boards because, "The big board gives me more time in the air to work out some of the kinks in the harder moves." Having been able to use all this wonderful equipment, Donald hopes this year to introduce into competition a reverse 1½, as well as the forward 2½. Each is quite difficult and will require great skill.

Donald hopes to do well in all of this year's events, especially the division championships which he had to miss the last two years because of illness.

Track Team Triumphs

by Diana Fonti

Having captured the gold or silver prizes eight times thus far, the Ford cross country track teams begin their indoor season with great confidence.

In the varsity competition the squad from 19 Street had two silver medal performances in both the Brooklyn Championships and in the Private School Championships. In both meets senior Bob Campolo was the first Falcon to cross the line. Rounding out the team were co-captain George Hernandez and juniors Pat Dugan and Bob Powers.

The junior varsity team really got it together at the Brooklyn Borough Championships. Following their outstanding win came another victory in the Brooklyn-Queens meet and a "questionable" second place finish in the Private School Championships. In the latter meet the declared winner may have violated a rule used in governing the race. If the protest is upheld, the Ford j.v. will add yet another gold trophy to its collection.

Two weeks ago in the final league competition at the Intersectional Championships the Falcons came in a commendable second place on the thirty-eight team field.

Even though the junior varsity team had to move some of its runners up into the varsity spots, the most outstanding j.v. scorers were seniors Peter Caufield and Victor Vientos, junior Joe Casertano, and sophomores Bill Kelly, Tom Burns, Roger Menze and Danny O'Keefe. These last four men also won the Brooklyn-Queens Sophomore Championship with the lowest point total in the history of the meet.

The freshmen also had an excellent year. Led by Bill Thurlow, they captured the gold in the Borough Championships and the silver in the Intersectional meets. The second place finish startled many teams because the team finished fifth in the Brooklyn-Queens meet. Following Thurlow were twins John and James Shammus, Andy Dignam and Jimmy Dolan.

Swimmers Show Signs of Success

by Jim Cutrone

The varsity swimming team opened up its season with a little better start than the frosh had. The team took 16 medals at the St. Francis College Relay Carnival. Besides taking the gold medal, the relay team, consisting of Mark Ferro, Jim MacKay and Brian O'Neill, set a new school record in the 200-yard medley relay.

The freshmen, on the other hand, failed to win a meet this season, but they never lost their spirit. No matter how bad the situation, they always tried their best.

Leading the class were Martin Maher and Larry Bendeh. Other swimmers were Donald Tunion, Mark Basta, Michael Browne, Brian Mooney and Mike Munez. The team also had two young ladies on it, Sheila McKee and Dianne Stallworth. The lone diver for the frosh was Hugh Sneddon.

The varsity team has high hopes coming away from a superb performance at their opening meet. Besides the record setting relay members, other medalists were Mike Munez, Brian Mooney, Donna Gerard, Jim Cutrone, Sal Pernice, Sal Gentile, Joe Kazmierczuk and Jim Carney. Carney also set an unofficial record in the 50-yard freestyle.

The team's first meet is on December 3 and their season continues to February 17. There are only a few spectators at the meets, so the team asks that you come to St. John's University and cheer them on.

Basketball Season Begins

by Zena Baygin

Action on the Falcon courts has started in pre-season play, with high schools Canarsie, Midwood, Moore, Boys', Cathedral, Power, St. Peter and St. Pius.

The Falcons seem to be off to a fine start, with only two defeats going to Power and Boys' High School. In the Kangaroo Classic Basketball Tournament, which was held on November 25 at Pratt Institute, Ford defeated Erasmus 56-48. Chris Logan scored 27 points and was named most valuable player.

Veteran coach Ray Nash has been drilling his troops for several months in preparation for the 78-79 season. Captain Chris Logan (senior), in the wake of last year's graduation of both starting forwards and guards, is Mr. Nash's only returning starter. Logan, 6'7", who averaged over 20 points last season by shooting 68% from the floor, will be joined on the front line by forwards Tom Collins (senior) and Tom Sina (sophomore). Collins saw considerable action coming off the bench with last year's 19-6 squad as a powerful rebounder and will be depended upon to crash the boards consistently this season. Sina will start his first varsity ball after performing as a major cog in last year's Frosh division who went 17-5.

The big pivot man will be the major force of the Falcons' offensive and defensive attack. "But Logan can't do it alone," said Mr. Nash. "We always must have five people. We can't win games by concentrating on Chris." The starting backcourt spots are up for grabs among the trio of Kevin Courtney (senior), Guy Pepe (senior), and Bill Snider (senior). Rob Dadona (junior) and Jose Cabrera (senior) will battle for positions at either forward or guard. Rounding off the team are Joe Lombardo (senior), Dave Quinn (junior), John Tracy (junior), Chris Mueller (junior), and Tom Lowney (junior).

One outstanding asset to this year's team is its offense as evidenced by Logan (and Sina who averages 15 points per game). Another strong point of this team is its speed as shown by Pepe and Cabrera. Cabrera, besides being fast, is a fine defensive player and is working very hard on improving his game.

Mr. Nash sees to it that the players are well conditioned for their game, holding practice sessions for two hours after school every day. He stresses unity more than anything, not one-on-one. The success of this team depends greatly on teamwork and each player pulling as much of the load as does Logan.

According to Mr. Nash, the greatest difficulty is adjusting to the fact that four starters have graduated and that the present team is not used to playing together as a whole. As of now, the Falcons are not up to par with last year's team who reached the semi-finals of the CHSAA.

Tennis

by Josephine Sorgenti

Bishop Ford's newly formed Girls' Tennis Team has gotten off to a swinging start with their practices which started last month.

Ford's girls' team was started last year when our school went co-ed. Even though it was their first year in a predominately varsity league, the girls exerted their best efforts and did well for a first-year squad. This year the team will be in a league consisting of varsity as well as non-varsity teams.

With the coaching of Ray Habib the team receives expert pointers on more effective hitting, serving and volleying styles.

Bicycle Club members pictured above: (left to right) Ed Bialoglowski, Bro. Arnold Morgan, O.S.F., Ray Tock, Amy Mattison, Bob Siebold, Pat McInerney.

Cyclists Form Club

by Jim Cutrone

One of the newest and fastest-growing clubs at Ford is the Bicycle Club, organized by its president, Bob Siebold, and moderated by Brother Arnold Morgan.

The club has already made one trip to Prospect Park, and while it has only 15 members at present, all enjoy it.

Sharon Healy says, "I like it a lot. I'm glad it got started because I'm a bicycle nut. I've really enjoyed the trips to the park."

"It's good exercise and a lot of fun; I think more people should get involved," says Roger McIlvaine.

President Bob Siebold says, "The club is coming along fine but could use more members. People are afraid to join."

On a day for which a trip is planned, the members ride their bicycles to school and keep them in the storeroom until dismissal. The club plans to build up gradually. They hope to ride to Central Park a few times as a warmup for their ultimate goal, Harriman State Park.

J.V. Basketball Team Hustles

by Joseph Frega

On December 1, 1978 Mr. Ferranti led his junior varsity basketball team out to battle Farrell High School's players. The contest was the j.v. opening home game and, with it, another basketball season started for Bishop Ford.

The junior varsity are a bunch of young hustling ballplayers. In the words of Mr. Ferranti, "Hustle is one of the most important strong points of the team, along with the fact that the boys give 100% of themselves each time they play or practice."

Players like Rick Ferro, Chris Ryan, Willie Howard and Peter Cole are a few examples of athletes who give their all to the team.

The team is in a league that consists of many talented clubs that are going to make the j.v. hustle more than ever before. Such schools are Xaverian, Loughlin and Holy Cross. These schools may be tough, but Mr. Ferranti feels that they can be beat if we hustle and play team ball, both in and out of competition. The team environment is a good one since the team members seem to understand Mr. Ferranti, and Mr. Ferranti seems to understand his athletes. Obviously, basketball must be a team effort, and Mr. Ferranti seems confident that this year's club is ready to perform as such.

Bowling

by James Rodriguez

Mr. James Radigan, coach of Bishop Ford's varsity and junior varsity bowling teams, is very hopeful that the varsity team will move up from its fourth-place spot this season, and a little apprehensive that the junior varsity might lose its first place position.

When asked who had contributed most this season, Mr. Radigan replied, "It has been a team effort and no one person has contributed the most." He also said that his teams' toughest adversaries were: (for the varsity) Mater Christi, whom Ford lost to by 2 points, and (for the junior varsity) Christ the King, with whom Ford split a two-game match earlier in the year.

Although there is no varsity captain, George Andes would be more than eligible to lead his team, having about a 184 average. Junior varsity Captain, Daniel McCarthy, is keeping his players in first place with a 178 average. However, the over-all team average for the varsity is about 150 and the over-all team average for the junior varsity is about 148.